



**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
& WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Alaska Workforce Investment Board
Workforce Readiness and Employment and Placement Committee
Tuesday February 24, 2009 at 10:30 am
Centennial Hall, Egan Conference Room
Minutes (Final)**

Roll Call:

Board Members:

☒ Doug Ward, Chair; ☒ Sharlene Berg; ☐ John Cannon; ☒ Kathy Craft; ☒ Tony Delia; ☐ John MacKinnon; ☒ Dave Rees; ☐ Paulette Schuerch; ☒ Fred Villa;

Recurring Guests:

☐ Bob Cress, CEF Training Director; ☐ Eldon Davidson, SAVEC; ☐ James Harvey, Asst Director Employment Security/DOLWD; ☐ Richard Carlson, Superintendent/Klawock School District; ☐ Russ Thorpe,

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

February 5, 2009

Action Items

1. Programs of Excellence by Fred Villa
2. Employability Skills Resolution - Implementation of the Employability Resolution was discussed and a policy or template for implementation of any AWIB resolution is being prepared.

Discussion Items

Strategic Plan -

1. The members reviewed the WREP Committee strategic plan and agreed that it is time now to split the committees. This would put more people on the Ex-Co and distribute the work load.

Other Items

Training Plan Template Taskforce:

The members reviewed the WREP committee products that could help guide ARRA investments.

What is AWIB'S role in the management of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funding?



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Guy Bell just returned from Washington where he attended a meeting about ARRA and he shared information with the WREP Committee about what he learned.

Known priorities of ARRA:

- Stabilization

- Energy

- Vocational Rehabilitation

- Adult dislocated worker

- Youth Employment - Rick Rios - Youth is now up to 24 years old.

- Formula - WIA Job Centers - same expectations

- Green Jobs

AWIB will vet applications.

Some states have ARRA Commissions already.

What do RAC's need to be aware of regarding ARRA?

- Programmatic Funds - no competition, but be aware of the programs.

- Competitive grants - RAC's can develop priorities for the AWIB to use in arbitrating decisions on competitive grants.

RAC's think that Rural Alaska is not getting good service.

RAC's would appreciate more direction and coordination from AWIB.

Guest Interaction

Discussion about the RAC's

- Shelly Wright, ED of SE Conference and SERAC joined the WREP Committee meeting. RAC'S feel there is a delay in delivery of workforce investments.

- Where there is competition in the state for regional priorities? The AWIB will consider the issues and provide recommendations.

Agenda items - update the Dashboard see the two attached files.

**Attach the AWIB Committee Strategic plan
Attach the DRAFT Resolution Process Guide**

Adjournment

Next meeting - April 2, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.